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Chinese Legation Ball Attended by the Fashianable World

DECORATIONS WERE CORGOGUS

The Minister and Mme. Yang Were Assisted by Mrs. John W. Fester in Receiving-America Complimented by the Use of Beauty Resec-Marine Band Hidden by Stately Palms-Elegant Gowns Worn.

The black dragon of China, with flaming eyes, erect and rampant on a gorgeous yel-



MADAM YANG, or the fashionable world last night as it on tered the doors of the Chinese legation.

Two immense flags of the country, decorated in this manuer, were called into regulation as portieres over the main doorway leading out from the entrance to the main portion of the house

The same idea of national decorations prevalled elsowhere throughout the legation, so that one could with but slight stretch of the Imagination picture themselves, after crossing the threshold, as transported at once to the land of the Celestials. Over each of the many doorways opening out from the entrance hall way were hung immense pieces of native magenta brocads, which, falling nearly to the floor ou either side, was finished in a series

The guests, after laying aside their wra entered the drawing-room on the right of the solrance and greeted the Mininter and Madam Yang, with whom, assisting in re-ceiving the company, stord Mrs. John W.

Madam Yang, with whom, assisting in re-ceiving the company, stood Mrs. John W. Foster and Miss Ida Thompson. Madam Yang wore a gorgeously embroid-ered gown of the richest colors, and upon her head was the scarlet hat always worn

were little bunches of any colored flowers. With a smile and cordial greating for each of

BOOMS SHAUTIFULLY DECORATED. The decorations of this drawing-room were juite simple, but in direct contrast to those prevailing elsewhere. In compliment to the can Reauty roses. The mantels and chandethe room in the corners and bay-windows were stall paints.

For the evening the large reception room

ending directly back of the main entrance deading directly case of the main christians doorway was used as the dining-room. On the table, inden with every delicacy, a happy intermingling of the flowers of the two nations represented, was arranged. This was an immense center-piece of American Beauty roses with pliques of the orderous white Chinese tiller.

Chinese illies.

This room was at once one of the most densely crowded and most interesting in the legation. About the walls were ranged large square, claborately carved teakwood chairs, over which for the evening were thrown gorgoous pieces of flame color satin, embrodered claborately in gold. On the north side of this room was an immense Chinese divan of the same carved teakwood.

The two sents of state on this divan were also covered with the scarlet and gold embroidery, the back portion occupied with gold

broidery, the back portion occupied with gold bronze ornaments. This divan is always used by the Chinese minister when receiving some especially distinguished guest. On such oc-cusions the minister occupies one of the spa-cious scats, while the guest of honor is seated in the second place, at his right. The walts in the second place, at ms right. The wants are hung with panels of gold extending from the ceiling to the floor. On these, in Chinese lettering, is the culogistic address made to the Chinese minister by the Emperor unon the occasion of his birthday prior to leaving his native country. At one end of the room is a large photograph of the minister.

MARINE BAND BEHIND PALMS. In all of the many drawing-rooms, for the evening, was hung a frieze of white satin embroidered in gold in the most elaborate manner. In the ballroom the bay window was hung with scarlet satin gold-embroidered portieres above which was a drapery of yellow silk fluished at either end with a series of large rosettes of the same. Over the doorways were strips of magenia brocade in-termingled with bright green satin. At the

north and behind a hedge of palms was seated Mr. Keller, of the State Department, had charge of the dances, twelve in number, con-sisting of alternate lancers and waitzes. The chandeliers were festooned with gar-lands of wild smilax that also ornamented

the walls of the nailroom.

In the drawing-room in which the receiving party stood the walls were hung with panels of dark blue silk painted with ideal Chinese landscapes, among which silver and gold ages, birds, and curiously formed animais disported themselves and contended for supremacy with dragons of the most belig-erent aspec. Those were the work of a cele-brated native artist and are highly prized by

the minister.

The elegant gowns worn by the guests were accented and brought into happyprominence by the general gorgeousness of the surroundings no less than by the bright Oriental dressing of the various members of the legation, who by their thorough command of English contributed in no small degree to the pleasure of the company and success of the the minister. pleasure of the company and success of the

UNINVITED GUESTS REPT OUT.

Although the company was unaware of the fact, every precaution had been taken to prevent any unpleasant repetition of the enfrance of uninvited guests. Two well-known society men were detailed to the diplomatic task of recognizing all invited guests, with the aid of a list of the company expected. Whenever there was found to be any one present whose name was not down on this list the secre-taries of segation were informed and the unin-vited guests were in turn informed that their. presence was not desired, and the sconer the polite little notification of this fact was com-plied with the better for all parties concerned. The guests included the Cabinet, the judi-ciary, the diplomatic corps, the leading Sena-



AN ABSOLUTISM ENTERTAINS A REPUBLIC.

Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Westinghouse, Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Lansing, Mrs. MacArthur, Miss Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Hoose Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Hoss Thompson, Mr. John W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. Ballinger, the Misses Drain, and Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson.

day" in English. But the rest of the conversation was carried on by means of the interpreter.

"As for the difference between the ladies of America and those of China," she remarked in response to an inquiry, "a comparison is difficult, for our customs are so entirely different. Our women never appear in public as yours do, but only go out when they go to church. We do not even go shopping, but send this servants to the stores.

A CHAT WITH MME, YANG. It Was Through an Interpreter, but Was

While at the Capital one can easily encounter the representatives of any nation, it is a very difficult feat to get a glimpse of the

better-half of the minister bailing from the Celestial empire. And though one may see gleam of silken robes as she disappears within the home of some high official, she has as great a dread of our institution of the interviewer as she would have of the Japanese army, and would about as soon face the enemy at Port Arthur as the camera of a Kodae flend.

After trying for some time to secure the coveted boon, a letter of introduction was at last secured through the kind offices of one of the ladies of the diplomatic corps, and the reporter for Tax Times secured admission to reporter for THE TIMES secured admission to the legation. In response to a ring, a negro servant opened the door and ushered the visitors into a small, but pretty parior open-ing from the main hall.

After a while there was a soft swish of rust-ling silk, and the sleader form of the youthful interpreter glided into the room. In excel-lent English he informed us that the madam

would be down in a few moments, and scarcely had he finished when a radiant figure appeared in the framework of rich curtains draping the doorway.

It was Madame Yang, and the vision was

of America and those of China," she remarked in response to an inquiry, "a comparison is difficult, for our customs are so entirely different. Our women never appear in public as yours do, but only go out when they go to church. We do not even go shopping, but send the servants to the stores. They bring he samples from which we select the goods, so that the ladies of the upper classes never enter a store.

"I do not think that Christianity is getting any hold in China," she continued, by means of her interpreter, "not is there any danger of its being adopted by our people. There are practically no converts to your faith among our nation.

"Rank in the empire is designated by means of buttons, which are of various colors. They

"Hank in the emigration is very colors. They are light red, dark red, blue, silver, and gold. The light red denotes the highest rank and the gold the lowest.

"I have found America very delightful and

CHARMED WITH THE SOCIETY HERE. for it is most pleasant and sociable."

Just at this juncture in the conversation there was a patter of little feet and two Chinese babies toddled into the room. In dre a they were quaint miniatures of their mother, and were swaddled up in brocaded sits, while their heads, shaven except for a tiny tuit of black hair in the center, were crowned with caps richly decorated with various trinkets. There was a lock of comical gravity on their small faces and they seemed to realize the fact. Outside in the hall was a bey of nurses who stood peeping in and jabering in their foreign lingo. And though they was plump in lilegrown women their to realize the fact. Outside in the half was a boxy of nurses who stood peeping in and jabbery of nurses who stood peeping in and jabbering in their foreign lingo. And though they were plump, full-grown women their feet were as small as those of a child of fourteen years old.

Come and take a drik.

Slowey, stoogy? Go away, sir! I was never in littsburg in my life.

What, and smoking that root! You want teet were as small as those of a child of fourteen years old.

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When questioned as to the news of the war, the interpreter smiled and replied that he would credit no dispatch except such as came to the legation from official sources at home. It was Madame Yang, and the vision was one "As for the yellow jacket being taken from Li Hung Chang, that does not mean a deprivation the neck to the tiny feet hung a robo wendrously wrought with gaudy birds and might be deprived of the badge of the Legion

tors and Representatives with their families.

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To Honor I have seen Chang, and he seems to me to be a fine man. It is a mistake to make here was an island of red in an ocean of yellow. The black hair was piled in a purfied mass, while on each side of the head proton their hats. She such as children wear upon their hats. She glided in noiselessiy, uttering a faint "gooding man only twenty-five years old," and the interpreter seemed to think that the inverse of a manufacture of the minister and his wife. of monor I have seen Chang, and he seems to me to be a fine man. It is a mistake to think that no foreigner is allowed o see the Emperor. Any one who is introduced by the American minister has the right to an andience with the Emperor, His majesty is a young man only twenty-five years old." and the interpreter seemed to think that the

The room is a gem, and all around the sides are panels of tall mirrors extending clear to the cei ing. Around the frieze runs a design of nymphs catching up the pieces of garlands that stray over the walls, and the whole effect, with the polished floor and tiny golden chairs, is decidedly presty. The room is a pattern after the one in the house of Madam Fomero, for Madam Yang is a great friend of the Markey multiple will be not spring to the Mexican minister's wife and anxious to follow her taste,

ollow her taste,
A few years ago a ball was given by the former minister and the memory of this affair is
till green in the minds of Washingtonians.
The legation was then at Stewart Castle, the beautiful home in which the Senator from Nevada now lives, but the house was then Nevnick now lives, but the house was then leased to the Chinese government. A great many were invited, but when the doors were thrown open not only the invited guests but a perfect mob of people who had no right to come crowded in and packed the place to suffocation.

THE JAM WAS INSUFFRANCE . and when supper was announced the state of affairs became terrible. The people became a howling mass of disorderly humanity, the chaits and furniture were stained, the china broken, and around the tables there was a veritable scramble for food. Such a disgraceful scene never before took place in town, and on account of this Minister Yang, the present representative of China, has taken the pains to send out cards to all dances to be held at the legation, and without the cards

held at the legation, and without the cards no one will be admitted.

The minister, unlike his predecessor, is very fond of society, and he and his wife take a conspicuous part in the social life of the Capital. They accept invitations to teas and dinners, and though their command of English is limited, they seem to enjoy the meetings with these teams. ings with those to whom they are strangers.

Mrs. Yang tried for for a while to master the
intricacies of our tongue, but has given up
the task. She hoped to learn, no doubt, by
association with the ladies of the diplomatic

At entertainments to which both the Chi-At entertainments to which south the chi-ness and Japaness ministers are invited it is said that the representative of the Celestial Empire goes early and leaves soon to avoid a meeting with the representative of the Land of the Chrysanthemum, who arrives late and

At any rate, there is no likelihood that the two nations will repeat the scenes of the war in the East by means of their ministers at the republican court of the United States,

V. STUART MOSEY-COLEMAN.

Mistook His Sign.

He was leaning against the railing in front of the Glisey and enjoying a long and stender Havana made to measure and imported for his own special use. His ciothing was of the latest cut, and his boots were so shiny that the passers slipped on their shadow. Another man, of quite a robust and hearty aspect, apched and seemed to recognize in him a

proached and seemed to recognize in him a long lost brother.

"How are you, old man," said he, grab-bing at the smoker's hind with his right and clapping the smoker on the shoulder with his left.

"I-er--I beg pardon, sir. I haven't the

Of course not. That's all right, old chap, I know you—you are from Pittsburg. I know that at once when I saw that 'stogey. Come and take a drink.

Farmer -I bought some land in that west ern land company.

Farmer -That's what I understood, but they've been assessing me like the mischiof for irrigation purposes.—Detroit Free Press.

Monster Petition of the World's Woman's Christian Union.

Lady Henry Somerset and Miss Frances E. Willard Will Be Present at the Ceremony-Then the Petition Will Be Taken to the Old World by a Special Chartered Steamer-Interesting Local Exercises.

What will probably be the most important and significant event in the history of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union will occur in this city on the evening

signers, the response for the government to be by a gentleman appointed either by the

President or Congress. Early in April a special steamship will be ebartered by the ladies and the representa-tives of the union will leave New York soon after, proceeding first to England and then

TO THE CONTINENTAL POWERS of Europe, Asia, and Africa, to each of whom the petition will be presented in turn, the exercises to take place at the capital of each country. It is expected that the ship will return to the United States sometime in the summer of 1896.

About two years ago the idea of the polyglot petition originated, the document was printed and sent or taken to every country on printed and sent or taken to every country on earth, and many millions of signatures have been secured. The United States was the last country in which the petition was circulated, as this was chosen as the first government to which it should be presented. The matter will probably be formally brought to the attention of Washingtonians on Sunday by the pastors of the Protestant churches, and it is expected that at least 50,000 residents of this city will attach their names to the petition, which reads as follows:

"Honorable Eulers, Representatives, and

"Honorable Rulers, Representatives, and Brothers.
"We, your petitioners, although belonging of the weaker sex, are strong of to the physically weaker sex, are strong of heart and love our homes. "We know that clear brains and pure

hearts make honest, loving, happy homes, and that by those the nations prosper, and the time is brought hearer when the world shall be at peace. We know that

INDULGENCE IN ALCOHOL AND OPTUM with any other vices which disgrace our social tife, make misery for all the world. We know that stimulants and opiates, each sold under legal guarantees, make the nations partners in the traffic by accepting as rev-

enne a portion of the proceeds.

"We have no power to prevent these great iniquities, beneath which the whole world groans, but you have power to redeem the honor of the nations.

"We therefore come to you with the united

petition there will be a convection of the World's W. C. T. U. in several of the largest churches. This will begin Friday morning. February 15, and continue with three sessions daily until Sunday evening. A number of the world will be present on that occas

HOUSEHOLD PESTS.

TO TAKE IT TO CONGRESS PEB. 15 | Suggestions as to the Way to Eradicate

There are few housekeepers who have not wakened some morning to find the sogar or flour or butter all a with ants, the hanging shelf invaled with rats, the sink overun with roughes. So rapidly do these posts breed that the most heroic efforts only will exterminate them, and after that a constant watchfulness must be maintained to keep clear of their encroachments.

clear of their enerous humants.

Corresive sublimate is one of the quickest poisons known, and for that reason is efficacious. The proportion should be about one part corresive sublimate to 100 parts water, which makes it very strong. This, used as a wash, is nearly always effective for the time being, but other measures are necessary for a complete ridges.

Union will occur in this city on the evening of Friday, February 15.

At that time the hig polyglot prohibition petiton, signed by millions of citizens of every civilized nation on the globe, will be presented to representatives of the United States.

The ceremonies incident to the presentation will be of the most claborate character. Miss Frances Willard, president of the Word's and National W. C. T. U., and Lady Henry Somerset, president of the British branch and vice president at large of the world's union, will present the petition on behalf of the the control of the petition on behalf of the the control of the petition on behalf of the the control of the petition on behalf of the the control of the petition on behalf of the the control of the petition on behalf of the the control of the petition on behalf of the thouse to die. Traps fall to ensure them the complete ridiannes.

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The only plan to drive them away absolutely is to get a quantity of potash, put it in the sun till it becomes soft and then, with a stick, smear every hole that can be found. Someor than walk through this a rat will change his

smear every hole that can be found. Some rath an walk through this a rat will change his abode. From a drougist who seeks glass get all the pieces they throw away, pound fine and throw in the holes. Being sharp it will cut their feet. This combination, potash and glass, is a never-failing cure.

Roaches are among the most persistent pests that invade a house. Get equal parts of Paris green and borax, and, at night, set around their hannts in old diebes. They will die away like magic. Sometimes they are found in deaks, especially in offices. This preparation scattered freely under the bottom paper will rid the drawers of them.

It is almost impossible to get rid of bugs in a soft wood bed. Better burn the bed up in the beginning. It is generally true that the buty's crib is the offending member, being made of softer wood. Then all the teds in the house should be given a turpentine bath, pouring it into all the craeks and crevices. The spring abould have an extra good dose, and the edges of the matress, bolster, and pillows soaked. A pint to a bed is the average allowance. This will kill all the bugs it reaches.

Blow insect powder all over the bed aprine

Blow insect powder all over the bed spring Blow insect powder all over the bed apring and mattress; examine the bed every day, repeating this treatment twice a week for a month. Next varnish the wood work. The will cose up all little crueks where they could have hidden, and not only keep them out, but prevent others from setting in. The base boards and other paint should also be looked to, turpentined and, if thought necessary, varaisned. Such treatment will destroy them in short order.

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Willow cribs and rockers need attention, furniture dealer to administer.

KENNET WOOD. No Kindling for Twenty Years-They sat in the twilight and talked of the

"Hiram," she was saving, "just twenty

years ago to-night I first became aware that you had kindled a flame in my heart."
"Yes, Amatasia."
"That," she mused, reflectively, "was about the last kindling I know of your doing, voices of representative women of every land, beseeching you to raise the standard of the law to that of pure morals by enacting such laws as shall rid the State and nation of the drink traffic and the optim trade, and protect our became by the annihilation of those curses of civilization throughout all

Hiram."

He did not speak for a long fine. When